know whether he is going to give a second thought to it and extend it in the near future and not in the far-off future.

12.00 Noon

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: I have said that we are considering this particular project. I have only said that we are upgrading the metre-gauge at this moment while keeping this broad-gauge for implementation at some point of time. And I would like to tell the hon. Member that is so far as the North East is concerned, we have projects that have been recommended by the Working Group set up by the Planning Commission for consideration which would at the present costs run into about Rs. 1500 crores. Now, it is only a question of availability of resources, how much of the money is to be expanded and in which part of the country. And I would also like to make the one point when the hon. Member says...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is almost over.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: I will make only one last point. The hon. Member says that the North-East has been neglected. Well, I would like to make the point that against the national average of 18.86 per cent of route-kilometre per thousand kilometres of area, Assam has 30.38 which puts it in the fourth position from the top. And in so far as route-kilometre per lakh of population is concerned, against the national average of 9.05, Assam has 11.98 which again puts it at fourth from the top. Therefore, it is not right to say that there has been neglect of the region while I do concede that... (*Interruptions*)... it is necessary to put a lot more money in the region. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, now the train has crossed the platform.

Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*324. [*Transferred to the 4th September, 1990*]

Long-term Housing Plan for Delhi

*325. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any long-term plan to provide plots|houses to every person living in Delhi;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the steps taken so far to develop the plots and to build the houses in Delhi to implement the above plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Delhi administration has taken up the formulation of a plan to augment housing for inclusion in the Eight Five Year Plan and implementation during the Plan period.

(c) Steps taken so far include acquisition and development of land, construction of dwelling units by DDA, allotment of plots to individuals, increased allocation of land to housing cooperative societies, and modifications in the Master Plan of Delhi-2001 to facilitate augmentation of housing.

Allotment of Rice to Madhya Pradesh

*326. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced the allotment of rice to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the monthly requirement of rice in Madhya Pradesh and the